

■SGU Symposium

The HOSEI University Top Global University Project (SGU) Symposium, ***Beyond “Global Human Resources” : What kind of human resources are sought after in today’s world?***, was held on-site in Sky Hall, on the 26th floor of Boissonade Tower, Ichigaya Campus, from 10am on October 22 (Sunday), 2023, and also live-streamed.

Since being chosen as a Top Global University in 2014, Hosei University has been committed to cultivating graduates who can thrive anywhere in the world through diverse and sustained efforts. As we bring the Top Global University Project to a closure, we held this symposium to deepen discussions on the qualities we should aim to cultivate in our students in today’s world and share the fruits of Hosei University’s efforts as a Top Global University.

In the opening remarks, Vice President Dan Koakimoto introduced the title of our SGU initiative, ***“Creating the Global University: Toward a sustainable society from pioneering Japan”***, and efforts in globalizing the university. Through the five goals of the SGU initiative, VP Koakimoto explained the expansion of our study abroad programs, establishment of English degree programs, improvement of the environment for the intake of international students, as well as collaborative programs with high schools.

The first session began with the keynote address delivered by Professor Steven K. Vogel of the

University of California, Berkeley. Professor Vogel is a recipient of the Foreign Minister’s Commendation in 2018 for his contribution to Japan Studies, and he spoke on ***“Cooperative Studies of Japan and the U.S. Market Design”***. In his response to Professor Vogel’s lecture, President Katsuya Hirose also related that his research field connects to that of Professor Vogel’s.



Following Professor Vogel’s keynote address and the President’s response, four speakers presented their thoughts on “global human resources”. Professor Hiromichi Yoshitake, President of Tokyo Kasei Gakuin University, focused on the environment that universities should provide for their students and commented on the challenges of making true globalization take root in the university. Ms. Mariko Kinai, National Director of World Vision Japan, discussed the qualities expected of individuals who work on the global stage. Mr. Masanori Suzuki, Vice President of Salesforce Japan, highlighted qualities increasingly

expected of individuals who can play an active role in the corporate world. Mr. Takashi Kawamoto, Director of M&A Strategy Department, Corporate Planning Division of Kansai Paint Co. Ltd., reflected on his career and shared advice with current university students as an alumnus of Hosei University.



In the second session, facilitated by Professor Takamasa Fukuoka, Dean of GIS, Hosei University, the four panelists were joined by Professor Diana Khor, Director of the Global Education Center and also the Vice President for International Affairs. Professor Khor and the panelists engaged in a lively and meaningful discussion on key topics connected to the theme of the symposium, and there was just sufficient time for Ms. Kinai to answer one question from the audience. VP Koakimoto presented his thoughts on the panel discussion, and to bring the symposium to a close, President Hirose provided an overview of the symposium and thanked the panelists for their

contributions as well as the audience of approximately eighty people participating on-site and online.



■Career Model Case Study

Started in 2022, “Career Model Case Study” brings back alumni to talk with current students about their university experience and career development. In 2022, this forum was held 6 times, and in this year, three times have been held up till October, and two planned for November and December. On November 23, the scheduled speaker is a graduate from the Faculty of Law who had studied abroad in the United Kingdom and is now working for a manufacturing company in Japan. The scheduled December speaker is a GIS graduate who pursued a graduate degree in the United Kingdom and landed a job at a Development Consultant/Think Tank in the UK.